

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicants have carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remain of the opinion that patentable subject matter is present. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

Objections

The Amendment filed March 8, 2005 was objected to as not complying with current procedural rules with respect to the claims. Specifically, the Examiner noted that the last set of claims that were entered was examined in the July 1, 2004 Office Action. Thus, the amendments made to the claims herein are based on those claims and, specifically, the claims as presented in the Response before April 25, 2002 and February 28, 2002.

Claim 44 was objected to because the word "pair", first line, first occurrence, had not been underlined. Correction has been made herein.

Claim 53 has been objected to because no amendment had been made to the claim yet the claim had been indicated as "currently amended". Claim 53 has been revised to indicate that it was previously presented.

In Claim 54, the Examiner noted that the word "biologicalo" had been struck through but had not appeared in the previous claim. This wording has been deleted from Claim 54 as presented herein.

Additional typographical amendments have been made to the claims based on the wording of the claims as presented in the April 25 and February 28, 2002 amendments. It is submitted that all of the changes are obvious typographical corrections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for examination and further examination is respectfully requested.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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